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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

> U.S. Patent No. 5,610,641 Japan 11-320915 Japan 2000-198211

The foregoing documents turned up during pre-filing activities for the subject application. English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents are also enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety
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